Development of Gopalpur Port

806. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Miniter of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the State Government of Orissa propose to develop Gopalpur Port through private developers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a feasibility study has been worked out for this project; and

(d) the details of help rendered by the Centre for execution of the above project?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) Government of Orissa has informed that M/s RITES Ltd. has been appointed as the Consultant for evaluating proposals received from private developers. Further, the responsibility for the development of ports other than major ports lies with the State Government concerned which also have administrative control over such ports under the provisions of Indian Ports Act, 1908. The responsibility for the development of Gopalpur Port, which is a minor port in Orissa, lies with the Government of Orissa.

Length of motorways in States

807. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of moterways likely to be constructed in the financial year 2004-05 in different States under Prime Minister's Scheme, State-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal to select the roads on the basis of the requirement of State/region by completely relaxing the selection norms for the construction of the road under this scheme in hill States; and

(c) if not, what steps are being taken for the purpose of making hill States take advantage of this scheme like other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (c)